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25X1A INSTRUCTIONS TO RBD BERLIN LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS (36 pp; German; Place of acquisition: [REDACTED] Date of information: Nov 52)

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The document is an instruction booklet published biweekly by the Reichsbahn Directorates (RBD) in the German Democratic Republic for the use of their locomotive engineers.

The route instruction booklet (La) covers the period from 16 November to 29 November 1952 and was issued by the RBD Berlin. It lists all locations along the right of way of the railroad network under the jurisdiction of RBD Berlin which, during the period covered required special attention of the locomotive engineers. The information is broken down by railroad lines (in numerical but necessarily incomplete order) and within those lines again by sectors (numbered consecutively regardless of lines) or by kilometer points within sectors.

The nine columns under each item are headed as follows: 1. Consecutive numbers; 2. Sector (at operational office or between operational offices); 3. Location; 4. Irregularities and speed limits; 5. Time of day or type of train concerned; 6. Valid from...(date); 7. Valid to...(date); 8. Loss of time to be expected; 9. Reason and miscellaneous remarks.

The information covers such items as stops for train control; reduced speed at temporary bridges, at curves or at track sections under repair; poor track condition; danger of fire from sparks of the locomotives. ~~For in some instances~~ For many bridges instructions are given to close the ashpan and not to fire the locomotives.

The last page of the booklet contains instruction regarding the handling of ~~existing~~ written orders.

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